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Editorial Comment

The Fourth Selects A Congressman

The Fourth Congressional District was represented so long by the late Patrick H. Drewry that it will be a challenging experience to select his successor. Even in Virginia where Democratic incumbents are habitually returned to office more frequently than not, an incumbency of 27 years is a unique record. In looking about for a successor, a prime consideration would be the selection of one whose age and training is such that it would be desirable to return him to office again and again and again, so that he might build up the prominence and usefulness that go with long service in Washington. It is an accepted fact that the greatest service of a Congressman is in the painstaking committee work, where seniority plays a major part. Our Federal Government has grown into a vast enterprise, and service to constituents calls for unusual experience and temperment.

WATKINS M. ABBITT, of Appomattox, is the type of young man to challenge the consideration of every citizen of the Fourth District. He is young, but not too young. "Pat" Drewry wasn't much older when he first went to Congress. Mr. Abbitt is excelled by no young leader in Virginia in the amount of political acumen he has packed into his public career. Reading down the list of offices he has held and the honors that have come to him, one can but note that many leaders go through a full lifetime without having gathered like experience, nor having been so signally honored and trusted by their fellows.

It is no matter of haste or chance that causes Watt Abbitt to come to the hour of facing election by the Fourth District as its Congressman for a number of years he has been "heading in that direction." His circle of friends has long since exceeded the boundaries of his native county. His service to the Old Dominion in its recent Constitutional Convention, in many Democratic campaigns, and as a member of important study Commissions has gone into his preparation for a larger field of service. And in his Congressional District, he is as well and as favorably known as any man in the District. He has no peer in the fine art of "making friends." But, more important, he has few peers in the still finer art of appraising vexing problems and understanding the means available of solving them. Once convinced of the truth of a decision he is a master at the convincing of his fellowman, and of smoothing over differences and securing action. A case placed in his hands has a stout advocate. Despite his rapid strides in public favor, Mr. Abbitt has a sense of humility and appreciation of the true values of life. He cherishes friendships, values the home, the school, the church. Honors do not turn his head nor impulses frame his decisions.

Appomattox County is proud to offer WATKINS M. ABBITT to the District. And the Democrats of the District can elect him, and elect him overwhelmingly, knowing that he will be the kind of Congressman they will want to re-elect, and that he will stand high in the counsels of his party and have the respect and esteem of the leaders of our nation in Washington.

As this is written, the date and detail of naming a successor to Mr. Drewry is not known. But the man is known!

P. H. DREWRY

Any man who serves 27 continuous years in Congress needs no detailed exposition of his worth. The American people take great pride in the men who represent them in Washington, and for one man to have been retained in office so long is unmistakable testimony to the high esteem in which he is held.

All the dignity and serious-mindedness that should go with the office of Congressman reposed in the person of "Pat" Drewry. He knew the responsibilities of his high office and gave his fullest efforts to discharge them honorably. His many friends here were shocked at his passing, and will long treasure the privilege of having known him.

SIGNS ANOTHER

President Truman is falling over backwards to "cooperate" with the Republican-controlled Congress. He has signed the Republican "anti-inflation" bill, although it is not a shadow of the legislation he asked for the fight on prices and cost of living. If prices continue high, the American people will know exactly where to place the blame. Not only that, but a major issue for the coming 1948 Presidential campaign is brought into the open by the Republican bill which invites monopoly and seeks to open the door of our economy to control by vested interests. The brazenness of the Republican leaders in bidding for a "boom and bust" economic cycle startles those who pause and give it study. Although the bill is hopelessly inadequate and is doomed to failure, President Truman was correct in signing it, for in no other way could the next few critical months so clearly show who is and who is not anxious to do something about the rising cost of living and the dissipation of savings.

WALLACE AGAIN

To compare the possibility of a 1948 Third Party led by Henry A. Wallace repeating the result obtained in 1912 when "Teddy" Roosevelt bolted Taft and the Republican Party to send Wilson to the White House, is to rank Wallace with the great "Bull Moose." We do not believe that Wallace has that drawing power. He has tremendous following and America will give a hearing to a Third Party. But at this stage we are not convinced that 1948 will see a repetition of 1912.

CALIFORNIA COTTON

There's no way around it. Some of these days your Editor will simply have to go out to California and see for himself the amazing greatness of that fabulous state. Nor do we mean Hollywood! Latest data on California to come to our attention is that it now ranks fifth as a cotton producing state. And on a relatively small acreage devoted to that crop. The crux of the matter is that cotton yields per acre are over twice what they are in the South! That's food for thought. Is Southern soil weary from the long reign of King Cotton? Must not the South rush to improve its program of Soil Conservation?

BUT STILL SUPREME!

Re: the article above, let us hasten to cite one field wherein the South still rules . . . football of the college brand! Note how many of today's "bowl games" find Southern teams participating! There is only one flaw in the rule of Southern football, and that is the mighty Irish of Notre Dame. But, as Senator Claghorn would note, Notre Dame is at SOUTH Bend.

STARTING "VOLUME 56"

This issue is "VOLUME 56, NUMBER ONE." That means that this newspaper is beginning its 56th year of publication. It has been under its present ownership since 1931.

No paper could continue for 55 years without loyal support and a great circle of friends. We value them, every one and could only wish to be around when some younger Editor will proudly present Volume One Hundred!

We send New Year's Greetings to one and all. May 1948 be a year of opportunity and peace.

"GAY GADGETS"

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features

By NANCY PEPPER

DUDS FOR DUDES

A lot of stuff has been written about the fall of Sloppy Josephine and the rise of the trim, neat and terrific teen who has discovered her waist line. But who has given the high school Joe a break? Who has reported that he's looking less like a zero and more like a hero these days? Isn't it about time to give the dude his due?

For crying out loud — That's what his sports coats will be doing this season, because the tweeds, the stripes and the plaids he's sporting for are livelier than ever. And just wait until the revival of fancy vests reaches your town. It's sweeping through the colleges and it's bound to hit the spot in high schools, too. He'll wear one under his jacket, instead of a sleeveless sweater.

White Footed — Instead of his saddles and moccasins, he's likely to wear all-white shoes with his street clothes. If he does, he's just following in the footsteps of his college favorites.

Bows for Joes — Look for an epidemic of striped bow ties. And don't mean those repulsive gadgets with electric light bulbs in them, either.

Safeties First — When he wears a knotted tie, he prefers a large gold metal safety pin to the traditional tie clasp. When you see a girl wearing one, it's a sure sign she's Jacking-and-Jilling.

Well, next time your date comes to call in a coat with a belt in the back — just give him the low-down on Hi fashions for a Joe in the Know.

TRIXIE TEEN SAYS—

Doing things because "everybody does them," doesn't make much sense and can make much trouble. Sure, there are lots of girls who think that cars were made to be parked on dark roads; that "pick-ups" are a harmless way of filling up the spaces in their date books; that drinks don't always have to be double-malteds or sodas. They seem to get around and makes you wonder. Just remember, when you have to wonder whether a thing is right, it's apt to be wrong.

Take My Word for It!

By Frank Colby

LATIN-AMERICAN GEOGRAPHY

Correct pronunciation of South American place names is important in these days of inter-American solidarity. Following are some samples:

Guiana. There are three Guianas, British, Dutch and French. The origin is doubtful. But it may have come from Guayana, an Indian tribal name. Guiana is pronounced: ghee-AH-nah.

Honduras. The name is a Spanish word meaning "depth; deepness," probably a reference to the depths off shore, or to the deep, wavelike valleys. The pronunciation is: awn-DOO-rahss ("H" is never pronounced in Spanish). The capital is Tegucigalpa, pronounced: tay-GOO-see-GAHL'-pah.

Nicaragua. When this region was discovered, the Indian tribes were led by a great chief named Nicarao, hence the name. Nicaragua is pronounced: NEE-kah-RAH'-gwah. The capital is Managua, pronounced: mah-NAH-gwah.

Panama is said to be an Indian word meaning, "place of many fishes." The native pronunciation is: pah-nah-MAH.

Paraguay. The name probably is from the Guarani word paraguay, meaning "a place of a great river roaring like the sea." The pronunciation is: pah-rah-GWY. The capital is Asuncion, "elevation," pronounced: ah-soon-SYOEN.

Peru, too, is of uncertain origin; but it may have come from the prehistoric tribal name Priuas. Peru is pronounced: pay-ROO. The capital is Lima, pronounced: LEE-mah.

Salvador means "saviour; redeemer." The name is pronounced: SAHL-vah-DAWR, or, occasionally: sahl-vah-THAWR. The capital is San Salvador.

Uruguay is a name of unknown origin. The pronunciation is: oo-roo-GWY. The capital is Montevideo, pronounced: MOEN-tay-vee-DAY'-oh.

Venezuela means "little Venice." The name is pronounced: VAY-nay-SWAY'-lah. The capital is Caracas, pronounced: kah-RAH-kahss.

Oakland: A form letter, asking support for the pension plan for teachers, offers prizes for "the three best" letters. Please discuss. —Reader.

Answer: "The three best" is illogical since there can be but one "best" letter. However, one may correctly say "the best three" in designating the three letters which are the best of all those submitted.

Also avoid: "The two first pages; the ten last chapters." Correct: The first two pages; the last 10 chapters.

Pomona: Is "Kings' X" the proper spelling?—Mrs. A. O. W.

Answer: Spell it: "King's-ex." It means "time out."

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.

WHY WE SAY

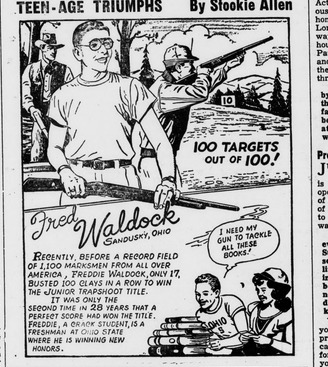
By STAN J. COLLINS and L. J. SLAWSON

Budget comes from the French word "bougette," a small pouch, as originally coins for various appropriations were sorted and put into small bags.

Indian's Winning Battle Against Tuberculosis

Early historical material indicates that since the coming of white men, tuberculosis has plagued the Indian race. Mortality rates according to early records were estimated to range from 200 to as high as 3,000 per hundred thousand. The national average in 1944 was 41.3 per hundred thousand, ranging from a low figure of 13.2 for Wyoming to a high of 122.9 for Arizona. There has been steady improvement in the nation since 1900, when deaths caused by tuberculosis occurred at the rate of 194 per hundred thousand. The Indian death rate, as of today, is approximately that of the national rate for 1900. The government is now concentrating on more medical care.

TEEN-AGE TRIUMPHS By Stookie Allen



RECENTLY, BEFORE A RECORD FIELD OF 1,100 MARKSMEN FROM ALL OVER AMERICA, FREDDIE WALDOCK, ONLY 17, BUSTED 100 CLAYS IN A ROW TO WIN THE JUNIOR TRAPSHOOT TITLE.

IT WAS ONLY THE SECOND TIME IN 28 YEARS THAT A PERFECT SCORE HAD WON THE TITLE. FREDDIE, A CRACK STUDENT, IS A FRESHMAN AT OHIO STATE WHERE HE IS WINNING NEW HONORS.

Ten Pin Tips—

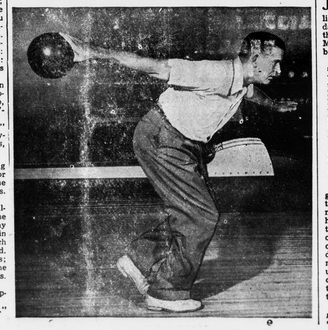
By Joe Norris

(This is the sixth of a series of lessons by Joe Norris, only bowler named to the All-American team eight consecutive times. Norris also has been a member of the world's match game team champions and the ABC and international team champions.)

FOURTH STEP

As you complete your fourth step, the ball begins its downward swing as you prepare for a long, smooth glide to the foul line. The eyes, as always, are directed straight down the alley, the knees still slightly bent, the left arm outstretched to maintain your perfect balance.

There is often a tendency to hurry the swing or to speed up the footwork at this point, resulting in a break in timing and a jerky finish to what began as a smooth approach. When this happens the ball is delivered too soon and the bowler complains, "the ball is getting away from me." Be certain that you make your steps and ball swing deliberate and rhythmical.



THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, D. D.

SCRIPTURE: John 20:30, 31; Acts 16:11 to 17:15; I Timothy 4:12-16.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Hebrews 2:1-4.

Beliefs That Matter

Lesson for January 4, 1948

THE first three months of 1948 will reintroduce us to some of the great Christian teachings in regard to God, Man, Salvation and Christian Living. While many of us have studied these great teachings again and again, we shall be greatly profited in the lessons of this quarter, looking at life in today's changing world in the light of these timeless truths.

Dr. Newton

"And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this Book; but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name," John 20:30, 31. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee," 1 Timothy 4:16.

The Story of Lydia

SEE how the above truths are borne out in the story of Lydia, Acts 16:11-15. Here was a prosperous business woman, making an honorable living, "whose heart the Lord opened." Paul taught her the way of salvation. She and her household were baptized, she took Paul and his helpers into her home, and became a tower of strength as the Gospel was being spread throughout Europe.

Lydia was not attracted to Paul by his eloquent preaching, but by the story of God's love which Paul faithfully gave. And when she had been saved, she began immediately to translate her faith into works.

Proving Our Beliefs

JUNIOR boys and girls will like this story about Lydia because it is practical. We can see a woman opening her home to the preachers of God. We can see her in her place of business, inviting her customers to come and hear Paul preach. She was a living sermon.

Every junior boy and girl in every Sunday school in the United States can render the same vital service during 1948. There are literally millions of boys and girls in this country who have never been to Sunday school. They do not know anything about a Sunday school, but they would like to know.

You can start a movement in your community that will solve problems that the mayor and police cannot solve. They will thank you for your help, and God will bless you in time and eternity. Invite that neighbor boy or girl to Sunday school.

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Belief Makes a Difference

YOU are what you believe. Ask the football or basketball coach. Ask the man who teaches people to fly planes in your community. You are what you believe. "Every one who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God," 1 John 5:1.

And it matters greatly what you believe. You can go wrong very easily by believing what is false about God, just as you can go wrong very easily in flying a plane by failing to believe the right thing about the laws of physics.

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Beliefs That Matter

JESUS is the Christ, the Son of God. That is the number one belief that matters. It was so on the day when Jesus announced, "On this rock I will build my church," Matthew 16:18. It is absolutely basic in every relationship of life.

I meet with business and professional men every day, in widely varying walks of life, who tell me that they are sustained by this belief. During the recent war, men lived in this basic relief. In these trying days at hand and ahead, belief in Jesus as the Son of God is the norm. We cannot face these difficult days without this anchor. And all this quarter we shall be studying, Sunday after Sunday, this great truth and those that grow out of this fundamental concept.

What a privilege to teach this great truth! The Sunday school teachers of our country are the most important single group we have. By their voluntary service, they are pointing our people to the one sure road that leads to the City of God. My prayer is that they shall daily seek to qualify under the formula of I Timothy 4:16. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

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Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Dec. 31.- Mr. and Mrs. Volney Garrett and children spent several days in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett.

Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Leitner, of the Westhaven Baptist Church, Portsmouth, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thornhill, of Abington, and Bobbie Thornhill, of Roanoke spent last week in the home of W. W. Thornhill.

Mrs. Florine Phelps and family, of Lynchburg spent Saturday in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Marvin Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill and two daughters, Lillie and Alice Faye spent Friday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Owen, of Randolph.

We extend our deepest sympathy to LeLalie Totty and son.

We are sorry to hear that Carrington Carter continues ill.

Report shows that prices again jump ahead.

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Big Toe Keeps Body Temperature Even

Acts as a Thermostat in Heat Control System.

ANN ARBOR, MICH. — A remarkable thermostat which casually utilizes the big toe for an indicator, is contained within the body, Dr. L. H. Newburgh, professor of clinical investigation at the University of Michigan medical school, reported.

When the air temperature drops to a certain point this thermostat begins to shut off the bodily heat going to the arms and legs.

This explains why a person's foes and fingers often are the first to feel the cold.

The thermostat does this in order to conserve the heat necessary to maintain the interior of the body at a constant 98.6 degrees, which is essential to the smooth functioning of the vital organs.

Doctors who understand this interesting heat control system can detect hyperthyroidism or other evidence of abnormal metabolic activity simply by noting temperature changes in the big toe, Dr. Newburgh said in a paper prepared for delivery at the annual seminar on dental medicine.

The ideal test, Dr. Newburgh said, is to have the patient lying nude in a room where the temperature is about 84 degrees. In that condition the patient is about in the complete physical relaxation as he can get.

In this situation the skin temperature remains the same all over the body—big toe included—at about 92 degrees.

When the room temperature drops to a cozy 75 degrees the skin temperature settles to about 90, Dr. Newburgh said.

Since the body now is losing heat too fast to maintain the vital functions and at the same time keep everything warm, the thermostat cuts down the heat supply to the arms and legs, which do not contain any vital parts.

Sofia Bares Terrorist Plot Against Bulgarian Authority

LONDON.—Discovery of an organized plot to perpetrate terrorist acts and diversions against the government "Fatherland Front" in Bulgaria was claimed by the Bulgarian telegraph agency.

Tass, official Russian news agency, quoted a Sofia dispatch of the Bulgarian agency as saying that leaders and members of the organization formerly were those of the now disbanded Agrarian Youth Alliance, affiliated with the Agrarian People's alliance of Nikola Petkov, anti-Communist leader recently executed.

Chronic Diseases Take Toll Of Million Deaths Yearly

CHICAGO. — Chronic diseases that afflict 25 million Americans are responsible annually for almost a million deaths and the loss of nearly one billion days from the nation's total work effort, according to a bulletin released by the Public Administration Clearing house.

The bulletin represented a resume of statements on recommendations for improved care of the chronically ill issued by American Public Welfare association, American Medical association, American Hospital association and American Public Health association.

More than 3 per cent of the chronically ill are persons in the productive years of life from 15 to 64, the report disclosed.

Natural Rain Bats Dry Ice In Wetting Parched Forests

PORTLAND, Me. — Mother Nature beat hopeful human rainmakers to the punch by wetting drouth-parched woodlands while dry ice-laden planes waited to take off in an effort to produce showers to end devastating forest fires in Maine.

Gentle rainfall ended the menace of new fires on the coals of old which blotted out entire villages, cost 19 lives and 22 million dollars in property loss in New England.

Two "rainmaker" planes seeded clouds over New Hampshire with dry-ice in an attempt to precipitate rain.

Discover Weapons of Early Man in Southwest Nebraska

LINCOLN, NEB. — Remains of what probably wasman's earliest existence in the Western Hemisphere have been uncovered in southwest Nebraska.

Dr. C. Bertrand Schultz, director of the University of Nebraska state museum, said two campsites of semi-nomadic hunters have been found.

They are estimated to be between 20,000 and 35,000 yearsold.

No skeletal remains of human beings have been located, but there is evidence of ancientman's occupations at the sites, h said.

Findings include ste and bone tools and weapons.

Intermingled with the articles were the bones of 20 tpes of mammals, birds and reptia, many of which seem different frn types now existent in the area.

The campsites were discovered at the base of a high bluff bordering Lime creek, about 12 niles north west of Cambridge, Ne.

Children's Aid Drive Combines 22 Appeals

Nationwide Campaign Seeks Funds for Abroad.

NEW YORK. — Combining 22 national appeals into a single campaign, American Overseas aid and United Nations Appeal for Children have launched an extensive nationwide drive to raise 60 million dollars for the relief of distress abroad.

The campaign, which will reach a climax in February, is designed to "give every individual American an opportunity to play a personal part in the over-all foreign aid program of his government," according to Lee Marshall, national AOA-UNAC chairman. Directing the drive are business leaders and Community Chest campaign managers, who responded to a "voluntary draft."

"Even though peoples and nations differ on many policies," Marshall insists, "they can find unity and agreement in the desperate needs of stricken children in the postwar world." Pointing out that about 462 million children throughout the world do not get enough to eat, he emphasizes that "many millions of them are really on the fringes of starvation, a fact with frightening implications."

United Nations Appeal for Children campaigns will be conducted in about 30 nations, it has been announced. America's sharg will be included in the AOA-UNAC "campaign package," in which virtually all of the nation's major private agencies for foreign relief and service are cooperating.

There is no doubt of the needs abroad, particularly the needs of children, Marshall advises, adding that the American people are "spontaneously going to the rescue, as they always do."

Unusual Spread of Disease In Western Europe Reported

LONDON.—The International Red Cross reported an "unprecedented" spread of tuberculosis in Europe and declared the increase in venereal disease was "simply catastrophic."

"Although western countries, which have been assisted since the liberation, have had improved food supplies, undernourishment for a number of years has left its mark," the report said. "The conditions have meant an unprecedented extension of tuberculosis.

"The spread of venereal disease is simply catastrophic. Syphilis is increasing everywhere and will have disastrous effects on future generations."

Evergreen

Evergreen, Dec. 30.- A large crowd attended the Christmas plays entertainment at the Methodist Church and the Baptist Church here.

J. R. Hamilton, who has been on the sick list, is now improving.

We are glad to see T. E. LeGrand out again, after being confined to his room for the past year.

Mrs. Willard Paulett, of Richmond and Jack King, of Washington, and Travis Harvey, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Conner, of Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Conner over the week-end.

Mrs. C. J. Paulett spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Ferguson in Lynchburg.

Miss Carolyn Conner spent a few days last week in Lynchburg.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulett included Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs Clyde Ferguson and son; Mrs Cecil Lerner and children, all of Lynchburg, and Harry Ferguson, of Appomattox, Jessie Franklin and son and J. R. Conner and daughter.

Mrs. Cecil Carter is spending the holidays in Richmond with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wright.

Mrs. H. H Robinson, of Pamplin, spent Saturday with her brother, C. J. Paulett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Conner spent Christmas day in Lynchburg with Roy Conner.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Paulett, of Richmond spent the week-end with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack King, of Washington spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Ferguson.

Mrs. T. E. LeGrand is visiting in Petersburg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Conner spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Harris, near Oakville.

Chemical changes in human blood noted during craving for alcohol.

Greek Government charges Tito with violating UN rule.

County schools re-open Monday after Christmas holidays.

Stores busy taking inventory.

Continued cold weather hinders removal of snow after record fall in New York City.

Henry Wallace announces that he will run for President next year on a Third Party ticket.

Senator Taylor, of Idaho, says he would consider running for vice-president on ticket with Wallace.

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